

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) An optical interconnection apparatus having plural optical fibers, which are routed in a two-dimensional plane and are provided at opposite ends thereof with end portions adapted to permit optical interconnections thereto, and at least one protective resin layer by which said optical fibers are held in place in a form embedded therein, characterized in that said protective resin layer is formed from a silicone-base material curable through a condensation reaction with liberation of an oxime or liberation of an alcohol, is joined with a base or another protective resin layer via an adhesive layer, and said adhesive layer comprises an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive.

2. (Original) An optical interconnection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein protective resin layers by which optical fibers are held in place, respectively, are joined to opposite sides of said base via adhesive layers, respectively.

3. (Original) An optical interconnection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein plural protective resin layers by which optical fibers are held in place, respectively, are joined together via said adhesive layer.